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- Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.)
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## TRANSMITTAL FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the following statements, if any, required variously by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- \_\_\_\_ Statement of relevance of selected cited references not in the English language which are not translated.
- \_\_\_\_ Statement that selected cited references are substantially cumulative of an enclosed or previously submitted reference.

\_\_\_ Statement that selected cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

X Form PTO-1449 listing 118 references submitted for consideration.

X Copies of the required 13 references listed on the Form PTO-1449.

\_\_\_ English translations as indicated on the Form PTO-1449 of the references which are not in the English language.

\_\_\_ Copies of the following documents from the prosecution of a previous, related application:

\_\_\_ Form PTO-1449 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; and

\_\_\_ Form PTO-892

B. Additional Materials Required Due to Timing of Filing of Information Disclosure Statement

The transmitted Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within one (1) of the following four (4) time periods:

I. X Prior to the later of either three (3) months following the filing date or the mailing of a first Office Action. Accordingly, no materials other than those listed above are enclosed.

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\_\_\_ Credit Card Form PTO 2038 in the amount of \$180.00 constituting the submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record


believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the required references or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed.

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	2	3,518,985	7/7/70	Quinton	128	2.06	
	3	3,602,502	8/31/71	Hampl	272	69	
	4	4,151,988	5/1/79	Nabinger	262	69	
	5	4,544,152	10/1/85	Taitel	272	69	
	6	4,549,044	10/22/85	Durham	179	5R	
	7	4,659,074	4/21/87	Taitel, et al.	272	69	
	8	4,687,195	8/18/87	Potts	272	69	
	9	4,828,257	5/9/89	Dyer, et al.	272	129	
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	1	WO 98/32496	7/30/98	PCT	A63B	B65G		✓

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	14	4,959,713	9/25/90	Morotomi, et al.	358	108		
	15	4,998,725	3/12/91	Watterson, et al.	272	129		
	16	5,020,795	6/4/91	Airy, et al.	272	129		
	17	5,054,774	10/8/91	Belsito	272	130		
	18	5,062,632	11/5/91	Dalebout, et al.	272	129		
	19	5,067,710	11/26/91	Watterson, et al.	272	129		
	20	5,078,152	1/7/92	Bond, et al.	128	774		
	21	5,086,385	2/4/92	Launey, et al.	364	188		
	22	5,104,120	4/14/92	Watterson, et al.	482	5		
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	26	5,195,935	3/23/93	Fencel	482	70	
	27	5,213,555	5/25/93	Hood, et al.	482	57	
	28	5,308,296	5/3/94	Eckstein	482	5	
	29	5,313,942	5/24/94	Platzker	128	639	
	30	5,314,391	5/24/94	Potash, et al.	482	7	
	31	5,328,420	7/12/94	Allen	482	52	
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	36	5,410,472	4/25/95	Anderson	364	413.04		
	37	5,433,679	7/18/95	Szymczak, et al.	482	54		
	38	5,462,051	10/31/95	Oka, et al.	128	630		
	39	5,462,504	10/31/95	Trulaske, et al.	482	7		
	40	5,474,090	12/12/95	Begun, et al.	128	707		
	41	5,489,249	2/6/96	Brewer, et al.	482	5		
	42	5,512,025	4/30/96	Dalebout, et al.	482	6		
	43	5,527,239	6/18/96	Abbondanza	482	8		
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	47	5,619,412	4/8/97	Hapka	364	424	
	48	5,619,991	4/15/97	Sloane	128	630	
	49	5,626,539	5/6/97	Piaget, et al.	482	54	
	50	5,645,509	7/8/97	Brewer, et al.	482	4	
	51	5,697,834	12/16/97	Heumann, et al.	451	440	
	52	5,702,323	12/30/97	Poulton	482	8	
	53	5,720,771	2/24/98	Snell	607	60	
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	58	5,752,897	5/19/98	Skowronski, et al.	482	54	
	59	5,759,199	6/2/98	Snell, et al.	607	60	
	60	5,779,596	7/14/98	Weber	482	4	
	61	5,810,696	9/22/98	Webb	482	52	
	62	5,836,770	11/17/98	Powers	434	247	
	63	5,845,230	12/1/98	Lamberson	702	56	
	64	5,857,939	1/12/99	Kaufman	482	8	
	65	5,865,733	2/2/99	Malinouskas, et al.	600	300	
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	69	5,890,995	4/6/99	Bobick, et al.	482	4	
	70	5,905,442	5/18/99	Mosebrook, et al.	340	825.06	
	71	5,911,132	6/8/99	Sloane	705	3	
	72	5,911,687	6/15/99	Sato, et al.	600	300	
	73	5,917,405	6/29/99	Joao	340	426	
	74	5,929,748	7/27/99	Odinak	340	310.01	
	75	5,961,561	10/5/99	Wakefield, II	701	29	
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	80	6,010,451	1/4/00	Clawson	600	300	
	81	6,013,007	1/11/00	Root, et al.	482	8	
	82	6,014,432	1/11/00	Modney	379	106.02	
	83	6,033,344	3/7/00	Trulaske, et al.	482	7	
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